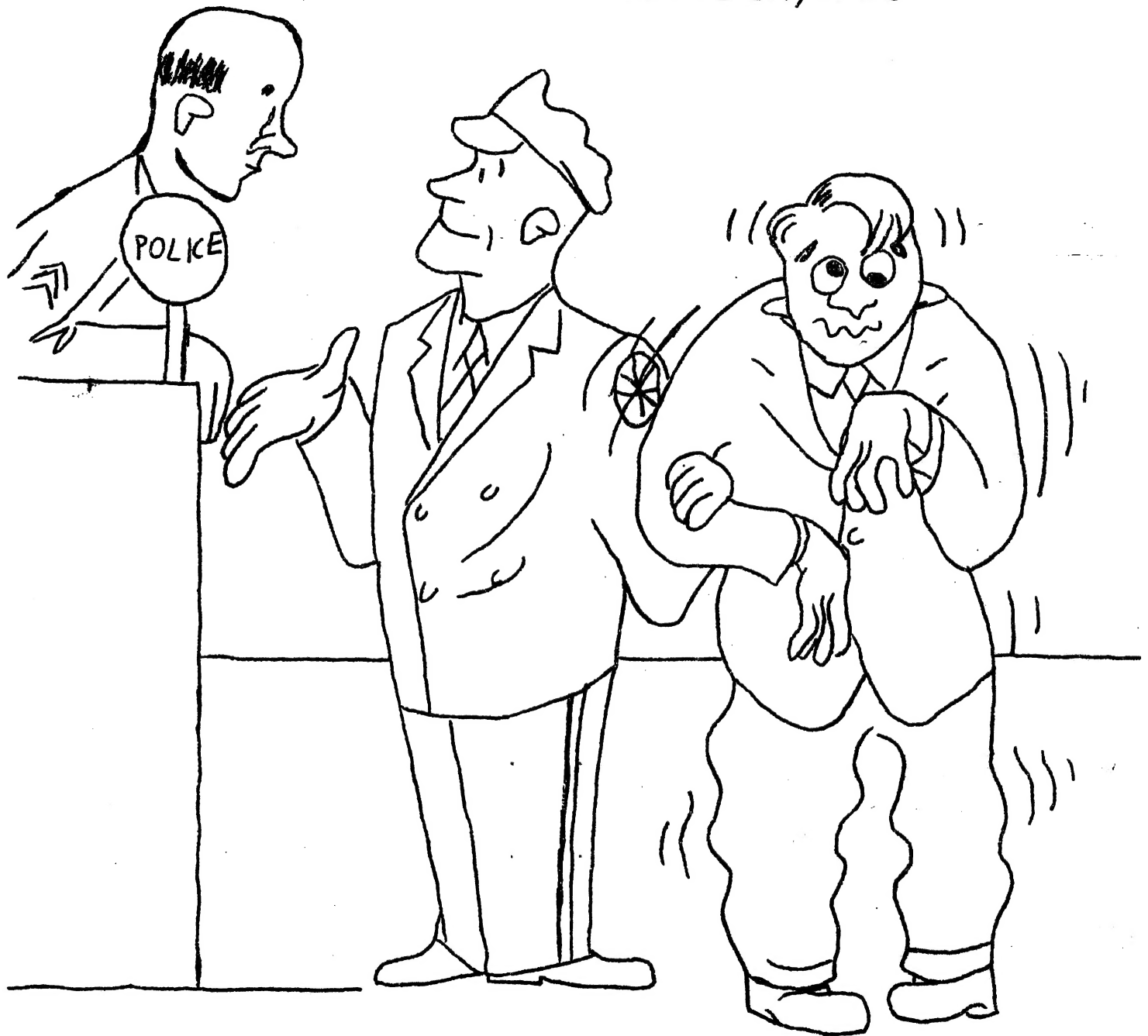


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OUT OF HIS CAR - KEEPS SAY 'N, "1 OR 1A"?

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ALL material for the BLURB must be in the hands of W3PKY by the 15th of the month. Any items for the Trading Post must be received by W3EXY not later than the 15th of the month.

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Gee - Business must have been good this
month. --- H1.

THE LATEST SCOOP

The boys report TVI complaints are soft and subdued these days after the "flood publicity". You will see the report of the flood done by W3SAI in a future issue of CQ Magazine. We sent a different report to QST who plans to chop it up and use it in the AREC section. --- One feller comments "by the number of visitors attending the meetings we could double our membership in six months". This is pretty close to a true statement and is the prime reason for our limited membership. You can imagine our confusion with any more members - the administrative responsibilities would become impossible. In reviewing our past history you might note the close, effective organization we are enjoying. It has taken a lot of rag chewing to get it where it is but it is obvious we have made a profound accomplishment. You will hear comments about "how much more confused can the meetings' rag chews get" but if you sit back and survey the overall results you cannot help but say our club is a job well done. The boys across the river are rumored to be splitting ranks over the problem of the old fellers against the young element. It's obvious someone has forgotten the meaning and significance of the expression "OM". Let us learn a lesson by other clubs experiences. By the plaudits you no doubt have guessed what ED is going to say next --- Elections are coming up in December - the nominating committee has been appointed, it is your job to see that you choose the officers you feel will be strong leaders and continue the fine results to date. Your committee is W3PXY - Chairman, W3IF, W3IDR, W3QZP, George Vieth, W3KNC, and W3MVG. We repeat - it is your duty to come forward and submit a list of names who you feel will do the job. Their job is administrative and not executive - in other words they are set up to organize the nominees to see that the man you chose will serve. In absence of a sufficient list of nominees from you they will suggest likely candidates. All officers jobs will have at least two nominees for obvious reasons. You elect the man you want in the job. --- You must be prepared next meeting to vote for the member who has done the most for the club in the past year - remember a plaque is presented to that person at the Annual Banquet, November 12th. --- A membership committee has been appointed by the President. W3FNC, W3IRS, W3PXY, W3SAI, with W3LNQ as Chairman. The boys are going to draw up a set of rules etc. and see that we have strong following and support this club needs. --- You are cautioned when filling out your license plate forms - if you have a letter that looks like a number make sure you clearly delineate it so you will not wind up with something that looks like W3IW on your license plate. --- W3YJM had a stormy session at MM with 21 present. --- W3DFJ won the rig hunt and TEX the OM came in second - tis a lesson to you whippersnappers besides it was a beautiful day for driving here and there says W3VXN. Someone said he was last er something like that there. Hi. --- Remember the AUCTION next month - bring your piggy bank and get it unloaded. Our official auctioneer is in charge, W3WNC, and he guarantees to sell everything - ain't that so Hy? Check the gear in the basement same as last year - this is an absolute auction. The club gets 10% of the works. We don't make much money on the deal but that is not the prime object. It makes for gear swapping mainly. --- You are cautioned to see to it that you sponsor members you wish to see in the club. The forms will probably be revised says Frank. --- A plaque has been suggested for rig hunts - what do you think about it? --- New antennas - Kreco - can be seen at W3HQJ and W3LNQ. --- W3QQH old 6D6 himself won second place at the LOM rig hunt at SJRA hamfest. --- In an emergency - we have been asked how do you get PMRC - should we have a listed phone number? --- Writing is not for W3IRS and W3ZIT (ex W3IHS). They are too lazy - Tape recorders are put to use at both ends and the same tape does a lot of travelling back and forth. "That really is a swell idea". --- W3DHJ (Double Headed Jones) is reported to be a major in the engineers at Valley Forge General Hospital and is living at Creamery Pa. He runs a Viking KW and has 300 watts on LOM at home with a TBS-50 in the car. --- A new member was heard from - W3MXP turned on his old transmitter last week on 10 on 10 and everyone's ears turned inside out in disbelief. --- The boys liked the talk on the trip to Chile Doc. --- W3SAN thanked PMRC for participating in the last "Rose Tree Sports Car Rallye" and advised of an all night affair January 21st - 8pm to 8am - January 22nd. --- W3SOU made off with the RESCO prize. --- The boys were right pleased with the turn out of the SJRA hamfest. - about twenty of PMRC attended.

INCORPORATION OF A CLUB

"An article in one of the current radio magazines concerns the liability of each member of a radio club in case there should occur the misfortune of an accident during one of the club's activities. It is noteworthy that the article strongly recommends incorporation of a Club in

order that one individual will not become liable for the action of another. About the only activity of our Club wherein such possibility existed was when we throw the Hamfest. For this we purchased insurance -- it cost us about \$8.00 to take care of any damages up to \$10K. If something had happened and judgment entered beyond \$10K, our personal fortunes (?) would have had to make up the difference. Now, being incorporated, this is not true. While we undoubtedly would insure again, if we were to throw another Hamfest, at least our personal fortunes would not be jeopardized if we failed to do so. This is one of the big reasons why we incorporated". (Reprinted from Autocall)

Ed has been pushing hard to get the club incorporated for some pretty obvious reasons. It must be understood that for the protection it buys we must pay in red tape. Leagle Beagle Burton will have to give us a ruling on the pros and cons. --- Note the blurb in CQ magazine on Incorporation last month. Note also the blurb on the placement of your car antenna written by Rex Bassett - he has a few holes in his arguments but is essentially correct. --- With the advent of elections ED hears rumors of Political Action Committees going into action. The more the merrier fellows. It shows some of the gang are interested in seeing strong leadership. Remember anyone can have a heart attack. Let's have lots of PACs with some plank building nominees. ED threatens to run on the return of the nickel beer, the two fer cigar and the elimination of cold feet in the middle of your back at two AM.

Delaware Valley Emergency Net

The Delaware Valley Emergency Net had its opening last Monday night September 19th on 2 meters. Ed Wiley, W3VVV is doing the organizing and everybody is welcome. The net meets every Monday night at 9PM on 145.44 and those wishing to join should send a card to Ed, 4715 Belmont Avenue, Langhorne, Pa. RD - for crystals. --- The Windsor Club and the Bucks County Club are receiving support from civic organizations including fire departments. --- Ed Stoffa, W3NME, Bill Ogden, W3JYI and W3BUR are the Zone Officers for Bucks County. W3FM is the Radio Officer and big improvements in communication are under way. --- Billy Copestakes W3DAX is now with the Air Force at Sampson A F Base, Geneva, New York and wished to be remembered to everybody. --- This last bit was from our "Arch" reporter.

The following is reprinted from the Financial Page of a recent edition of the The Philadelphia Inquirer. --- We quote --- "The Fielden Instrument Division of Robertshaw-Fulton Controls Co., which has its headquarters in Philadelphia, has opened a regional sales engineering office at Lynwood, California, to provide western manufacturers and research organizations with engineering service and counsel on industrial instrumentation techniques. Charles J. O'Loone, (W3KHF) former technical assistant to the sales manager here, will supervise the new office.

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We have just received word that mobile RACES licenses have been issued to the following club members.

W3SAE
W3TOZ
W3YJM
W3PNC
W3VVS
W3DMK

W3SAI
W3SAA
W3QZO
W3NIP
W3LNQ
W3KNC

W3KDO
W3IW
W3CDY
W3CUB
W3DOU
W3HQJ

THE PHILMONT "SIMULATED" DISASTER

In 1949 the Philmont Mobile Radio Club of Philadelphia area was organized with five members. Today, five years later, it is one hundred strong with a like number of mobile and fixed amateur stations in operation. Activities in these five years centered about transmitter hunts, parade direction, and civilian defense drills in preparation for any emergency that may arise.

To document its activities and to display to the public in general the volunteer services which are available in time of need, a motion picture film in the formulation stage required a "simulated" disaster to portray emergency operations. Any make-believe disaster would do; a fire or an accident would be fine.

No one anticipated the night of Thursday, August 18, 1955. Hurricane Diane was staggering hesitatingly up the east coast and was pretty well blown out -- no need to get excited over a dying windstorm. And then it hit! Rain! Driving, biting, brick saturating, motor fouling, windshield wiper stopping rain. Hours of it. Six inches overnight! She dumped over 100,000,000 gallons per square mile. Diane made her last dying gasp solely felt. Think of it! Where could all that water go? Thousands of people in Eastern Pennsylvania in the Doylestown-Stroudsburg area can tell you where it went. Twelve to twenty feet of it right through their kitchens and living rooms, if there was a house left to go through.

Philmont has its disaster documented, but not quite in the way it was planned.

Let us change the tone of this writing a bit to report to you how five years of concentrated practice was put to use by the Philmont Mobile Radio Club.

THURSDAY NIGHT OPERATIONS - August 18, 1955

Eastern Pennsylvania suffered a torrential downpour all evening and into the night. During the normal activities of Philmont on Channel No. 1, W3EM, W3FUY and W3SSU at the Doylestown CD Headquarters were heard. They left headquarters for a boys' camp on the Upper Delaware River at Treasure Island to assist in the evacuation of campers. The gravity of the situation was not immediately recognized. There was considerable local radio activity however. W3QQH, W3AUF and W3VVS were busily pumping out cellars with the local fire company. At midnight, W2DKA mobile called in on Channel 1. He reported the Route 611, Neshaminy Creek, bridge was washed out. There was a line of cars backed up as far as he could see. They weren't able to get into Doylestown and the only phone in the area had about 30 people in line waiting to use it. W3QV arranged to take traffic from the people stranded at this washout. He, in turn, passed it on to other stations in the Philmont net who distributed it throughout the Philadelphia area.

FRIDAY OPERATIONS - August 19, 1955

By 2 A.M. Friday morning the seriousness of the situation was recognized and a continuous guard was placed on a Philmont channel by the Club members. W3MVG, Assistant Radio Officer in Bucks County, requested help on the channel trying to get W3SSU at Doylestown. He drove around the Trevoise, Langhorne and Bristol areas and advised that the situation was very serious. W3MVG located Mr. Ferguson, a member of the Red Cross Disaster Team, and an emergency communications system moved into operation. A Red Cross net, including many mobile stations, was planned for strategic locations. W3VXN arrived at the Neshaminy School, Red Cross Headquarters, at 3 P. M. W3UIX drove to Bristol to set up a fixed station. W3VWX volunteered to assume net control for the Bucks County area at a fixed station at Langhorne. W3VWX remained on the air continuously for over thirty hours and coordinated Bucks County communications. Between 3 and 5 P.M. W3MVG and Mr. Ferguson made a survey of the river towns and realized that the water would rise and flood all river areas. W3MVG in-

formed Langhorne and Bristol Red Cross personnel by radio that assistance would be needed. W3UIX operated until early Saturday morning at Bristol. W3NIP coming home from work Friday night requested that his wife be advised that he would not be home that night and went to the Croydon Fire House and then onto Bristol. W3GIF and W3AUF went to the Newport Fire Company to assist. Late Friday afternoon it became obvious that a large net operation was necessary. One hundred Philmont mobile radio stations, transmitters and personnel were pressed into service to assist in the operation as fast as they could be recruited. Channel 2, 29,626, was designated as an operating frequency and sounded like a bee hive. Channel 1, 29,493, was designated as a recruiting frequency to organize the volunteer group throughout the disaster area. Governor Leader activated CD Friday evening. W3EM, Bucks County Radio Officer, was advised of the activity on the Philmont channels. He requested that we carry on with the emergency organization that was set up. It was realized at this time that Eastern Pennsylvania emergency communications would be necessary for several days. W3SAE, in contact with W3QV, was advised to report to W3SSU Doylestown Court House. He was assigned to relieve W3HQJ at the Yardley Fire House. W3SAE and W3VXN worked all night at Yardley using W3VWX at the Langhorne Control Station as a relay. W3CNO proceeded to Langhorne and was assigned by W3VWX to the Neshaminy High School Red Cross Center. He was assisted by W3URU and was relieved by W3BYB.

SATURDAY OPERATIONS - August 20, 1955

At 6:30 A.M. rescue forces were evacuating people to the Yardley Golf Course in an Army helicopter. W3SAE and W3VXN received word from Yardley on the fire company radio that several men were stranded in the river and a helicopter was needed in a hurry. Yardley fire and police could do nothing on the telephone circuit. Army helicopters were nowhere in sight. State police called in on their radio and failed to make contact. They tried smoke bombs and mirrors to signal the whirlybird, but to no avail. W3VXN called W3QV on Channel 1 for an assist. In about 45 seconds W3QV had the Navy Control Tower, Johnsville, on the telephone. W3VXN repeated landing instructions and location to W3QV and by the time W3SAE was able to run out and tell the rescue squad that the Navy helicopter was coming, the helicopter had landed beside him. The Navy helicopter was on the ground within three minutes from the time W3QV called. W3URU, assisted by W3WML, was requested to report to the Doylestown Court House for assignment about 9:15 A.M. Saturday. They received the Yardley fire house assignment, reporting to W3SSU in Doylestown on Channel 2. They were relieved after 11 hours of operation by W3CNO and W3FUS. Additional relief was provided by W3OKX. W3SAE after working all night proceeded to Bristol Red Cross Headquarters to aid W3DOU. W3YJM was activated Saturday and requested an assignment. The Doylestown Radio Control was notified he was coming and he was advised to proceed north on 611 to the Reigelsville area in search of boats which were supposedly being sent to the stricken area. He passed through Upper Black Eddy which had been severely hit by the flood. Both the Army and local fire companies were busily engaged in the rescue operations. W3VVS was already there on the scene and was assisting with communications. The terrain along the Delaware in this area required that relay stations be set up. W3YJM parked at the top of the hill and operated relay between the Doylestown and Upper Black Eddy rescue operations. He also assisted several other stations. W3QQH, W3BGR, W2OAF, W3SUG were operating in towns to the north throughout the day. Reams of messages were handled by the Upper Black Eddy group including requests for food, drinking water, cots, blankets and orders for rescue teams to report to other stricken areas where they were needed.

SUNDAY OPERATIONS - August 21, 1955

W3SAE reported for duty again Sunday morning and was dispatched to relieve W3OWX. He found Yardley was having difficulty in maintaining contact with W3SSU since W3VWX was shut down -- no relief. W3MVG had a fixed station at the Yardley Fire House, but was having difficulty communicating with W3SSU. W3SAE was relieved by the arrival of W3IRS and W3RQZ with the emergency mobile trailer at about 8 P.M. National Guard troops arrived about this time, and the Philmont Club proceeded to withdraw from the major portion of the operation. W3CNO assisted by W3URS, W3URT, W3URU and W3WML arrived at Doylestown Court House for assignment Sunday afternoon and left with a convoy of three cars for the Stroudsburg area. Two other cars joined them later in the day at the Court House. They proceeded to operate MCS for the mobile stations operating on 29,640. They made contacts with W3YJM at CD headquarters at the high school and W3IGW at W3UCY's home. W3UCY operated the 75 meter phone net. W3IGW had a two meter station and set up contact with W3PDJ in East Stroudsburg. W3PDJ had previously rowed across the rampaging river with a two meter station tucked under his arm and had set up radio communications in a jail cell from East Stroudsburg. W3PDJ, Dick Moll, maintained the only radio communications from East Stroudsburg to the outside world. The amateur fraternity received a real boost through the efforts of one courageous W3PDJ. W3URU, W3URS, W3URT and W3WML assisted as relief telephone operators at the Court House in Doylestown and at the city jail in the water rationing department. W3YJM volunteered for the Stroudsburg area 10:30 Sunday morning picking up two 2 meter stations on the way and joining up with two more mobile stations carrying W3IGW, W3CNO and W3KCG. By taking the road specified by Civilian Defense and the proper passes, they were able to get through to Saylorsburg. They met W3MLY and W3BN with additional communicators. They were escorted into Stroudsburg over back roads. Communications were maintained with W3PDJ East Stroudsburg, for 14 hours at which time a telephone line was completed. The radio operators were then relieved of their duties and arrived home about 6 A.M. Monday morning. W3SAE arrived at Stroudsburg 1:00 Sunday afternoon. Mr. Serfass, Civilian Defense official, needed communications to the Civilian Defense Court House, W3YAZ, via radio very badly since the telephone lines were jammed with other traffic. Mr. Serfass ordered registration of all people in the Stroudsburg disaster area in order to determine those people still missing, unaccounted for or presumed dead. They set up three main registration centers in the city, one at the Stroudsburg Fire House, a second at the Fire House in East Stroudsburg and a third at the Public High School. He requested help of the radio amateurs in registering people in other inaccessible areas. W3SAE installed a monitor receiver on ten meters and a two meter communicator at headquarters to link five other stations in the area. Mr. Serfass then dispatched W3SAE and W3JON to scout the upper areas of the Pocono Mountains to survey conditions of communication and report back likely spots to locate registration centers. The remote areas were fortunately not in serious trouble, with the exception of Swiftwater Police Barracks.

Well, it is over. Philmont did not need the "simulated" disaster to document their activities. A catastrophic disaster was dumped by the buckets full right into their laps. There are hundreds of homeless families, but there are people who are alive and are able to give thanks that radio amateurs are made of the stuff they are.

We have our documentary film. It is a bit more than we expected. It is available to you if you would like to see it. We will be more than happy to show it to you. A good many hundred people are thanking the following group of amateurs for a job well done. Our apologies to those who are not listed here because of error or omission.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 3rd Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club Meeting
PMRC Auction - Don't Forget - Auction under our famous auctioneer W3FNC - bring your gear and get it sold. Rules - absolute auction. 10% goes to the club. You may buy back if the price isn't right but you must forfeit the ante.

November 12th PMRC Annual Banquet at Casa Conti. Tickets \$3.50 each.

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VISITORS AT THE LAST MEETING

W3SAN, Bard, W3ARD, W3WPQ, W3KHH, W3OFK, W3NAD, W3GBK, W3UZF, W3SOU, W3PQV, W3ZON, and W3DHJ.

Oct, 25

FOR SALE:

Auto receiver, Philco, model UN-6-550 (W3QCH Turner 4-3469)
 Auto receiver, Motorola 5 tube, 1952 model (W3QCH)
 National NC-57, recently worked over by Sentinel Labs (W3QCH)
 Collins PTO, Eco unit and B&W multiplier strip (807), all bands, bandswitching
 including C supply and other accessories (W3HCJ LA 5-2472)
 Power supply, 600 v. @ 200 ma., 425 v. @ 350 ma., 150 v. @ 10 ma., fila. windings,
 oil filled cond. (W3HCJ)
 Elmac A-54 \$90 (Ed Faye Doylestown 3279)
 Gonset Super Six \$30 (Ed Faye Doylestown 3279)
 Dynamotor, PE-55, 12 v. in, 500 v. @ 200 ma. out \$20 (W3FYC Mitchell 6-3307)
 Xmtr, 25 watt bandswitching, phone or cw, with power supply (W3FYC)
 Johnson Whipload 6, new, \$16 (W3FYC)
 Master Mobile mount, heavy duty spring, and 8' whip \$8 (W3FYC)
 Link mobile transmitter with dyna. and tubes \$15 (W2ZI Trenton, N.J., Export 3-4809)
 Link control head with mike, new \$8 (W2ZI)
 Antenna mount and spring \$6 (W2ZI)
 Hand set with push button (same as W.L. type) \$5 (W2ZI)
 Auto radio, working condition \$6 (W2ZI)
 Navy GF-12 aircraft transmitter, will make 75 meter mobile rig \$15 (W2ZI)
 BC-696 transmitter with power supply \$20 (W2ZI)

WANTED:

Telephone hook switch for side of desk (coil, bell, etc. not needed) (W3EM New Hope 2261)

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